

## MINUTES

### State Board of Education Business Meeting

June 02, 2021 at 9:00 AM EDT

Conference Rooms A, B & C, Indiana Government Center South

302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis IN 46204

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Board Members Present: Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote, Vice-Chair (by phone), Mr. Pete Miller, Secretary, Ms. Erika Dilosa, Mr. William Durham, Jr., Dr. Byron Ernest, Dr. David Freitas (by phone), Mr. Greg Gastineau, Mr. Pat Mapes, Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by phone) and Mr. B. J. Watts.

Board Members Absent: None.

#### **I. Call to Order**

- a. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

**II. Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

**III. Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes for the May 05, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

- a. May 05, 2021 - [Memo](#)

#### **IV. Statement from the Chair:**

- a. Dr. Jenner celebrated the successes of Indiana schools during the past school year and acknowledged the heavy workload ahead e.g., majority of students in school safely, Indiana completion rates of federally required assessments averaged 97%, educators, community partners and parents coming together for the work ahead, finding innovative and sustainable ways to spend increased federal and state funding.

**V. Board Member Comments and Reports:** None

**VI. Public Comment:** None

**VII. Consent Agenda:** Mr. Watts and Mr. Durham recused themselves from item g. Mr. Mapes commented on item d., stating formative assessment grants are too restrictive and should be expanded to local control e.g., identifying student dyslexia. In regard to item i., Dr. Jenner acknowledged audience members, Superintendent Tara Bishop-Perry Central Community Schools, Superintendent Paul Ketcham-Batesville Community Schools Corporation, Superintendent Matt Prusiecki-MSD of Decatur Township. The consent agenda was approved by roll call vote. Consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- a. Common School Loan Amendment - Elkhart Community Schools - [Memo](#)
- b. Special Education Child Count - [Memo](#)
- c. Adoption of New and Updated Praxis Tests and Recommended Cut Scores: World Language-Japanese, Music-Instrumental and General Knowledge, Music-Vocal and General Knowledge, American Sign Language Proficiency Interview - [Memo](#)

- d. 2021-22 Formative Assessment Grants - [Memo](#)
- e. Latchkey Waiver: Western School Corporation - [Memo](#)
- f. School Accreditation - [Memo 1](#), [Memo 2](#), [Memo 3](#), [Memo 4](#), [Memo 5](#)
- g. School Safety Loan: Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township - [Memo](#)
- h. Governing Body Reorganization: Randolph Southern Community School Corp. - [Memo](#)
- i. Coalition of Continuous Improvement Districts - [Memo](#)

#### **VIII. New Business:**

- a. HEA 1003 Flexibility Waivers - [Memo](#) : Mr. Watts and Mr. Durham recused themselves from item a.iii. Mr. Ranney presented. SBOE staff recommended approval of the waivers regarding instructional time requirements for a.i., a.ii., a.iv., and a.v. SBOE staff recommended granting the waiver releasing MSD Lawrence Township (a.iii.) from the requirement to establish a virtual education school. New Business was approved by roll call vote.
  - i. Culver Community Schools Corporation (5455)
  - ii. Triton School Corporation (5495)
  - iii. MSD Lawrence Township (5330)
  - iv. Frontier School Corporation (8525)
  - v. Lewis Cass Schools (0815)

#### **IX. Discussion:**

- a. Assessment and Accelerated Learning Update - [Presentation](#) : Dr. Flores and Ms. Schemel presented on 2020-2021 Assessment Updates. Mr. Callahan presented on Accelerated Learning. Ron Sandlin presented on HEA 1008. Board members' comments follow:
  - i. Mr. Mapes asked if the Covid 19 flexibility would continue regarding the use of non-certified employees administering assessment tests. Dr. Flores stated test validity is their main concern and DOE would consider the use of non-certified employees going forward.
  - ii. Dr. Ernest continued the conversation asking if the State is tracking what schools and communities have learned during Covid-19. Mr. Mapes suggested a website portal for good practices or efficiencies learned across the State.
  - iii. As Dr. Flores spoke of the learning loss initiative, Mr. Mapes interjected this is not a learning *loss*, but a gap created by not having the opportunity to introduce the information to students.
  - iv. Mr. Mapes asked Mr. Callahan if DOE planned to look at graduation requirement flexibility, number of credits and courses at the high school level. Dr. Jenner commented regarding student support and intentionality to guide students for 13 years to employ, enroll or enlist. Dr. Jenner recently traveled to attend school career signing days.
  - v. Mr. Watts highlighted the focus on Capstone relationships, the partnership between industry and K-12 schools. Students not only discover careers they want to pursue, but as importantly, careers they do not want to pursue.
  - vi. HEA 1008 provided for The Student Learning Recovery Grant Program, awarding 122 million dollars to 110 school/community partnerships (over 350 unique partnerships were included in the awards). Mr. Watts and Dr. Jenner congratulated Mr. Sandlin and the DOE team on a job "well done".

#### **X. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.